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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application No.	10/749,051)	
Filed:	December 30, 2003)	Group Art Unit: 2875
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER RULE 116

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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 16 August 2006 on the above-identified application. Reconsideration of this application is requested.

This Office Action on page 2 explicitly acknowledges that a new ground of rejection is being asserted. This new ground of rejection is based on the same reference previously applied against the same claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) and distinguished. Applicant's most recent prior amendments were made to distinguish over an entirely different set of applied references, but clearly did not necessitate a new search. No reason has been advanced as to why applicant's most recent prior amendments necessitated a new ground of rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Final Rejection set forth in the outstanding Office Action is premature, should be withdrawn, and the Office Action converted to a Non-Final Office Action.

Kindly amend this application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this document.

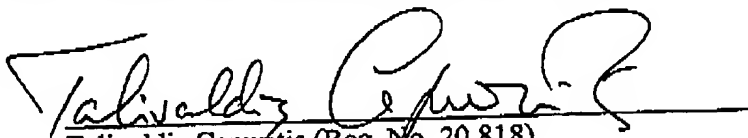
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